



Thank you for your candid Answer to my last, and am now sensible of your good Advice in bidding me not be *too sapine* in believing that the Projector of the *Gulchwell Springs Scheme* would lay it *aside*, and that you think, as I mentioned only in *general Terms*, that *Falsities* and *Absurdities* had been printed against *our Scheme*, during last Session, you thought it would not be amiss if I should set forth the *Particulars*.

In order therefore to explain my self upon these *Two Heads*, I must own, as to the *former*, I only used this plain Way of Reasoning, founded upon what I am told is the constant Usage of Parliament:-- That whenever any Thing comes before them, which concerns *His Majesty's Interest, Health, or Pleasure*, in any Manner whatsoever, They will always be informed how far His MAJESTY Approves, or Disapproves of what is proposed, before they will proceed to pass a BILL concerning it. And as the Honourable Person who has the Care of His Majesty's Parks and Gardens at *Hampton-Court*, told US (and without doubt *has told the Projector the same*) That he would not suffer *One Pint* of Water to be *diminish'd* from *Hampton-Court*, if he could help it, *Because* they are *now so very scantily* supply'd in *dry Summers*.-- And as *We* hear that the Projector has apply'd himself to some of His Majesty's *Principal Officers* to have his Scheme approved of, but had his Petition *Rejected*, Common Reason told me, that he ought to overcome these Difficulties before he should Trouble the House with it again.

HE says indeed, That 'tis but a *Little Water* that he shall *Divert* from *Hampton-Court*; but surely he ought to know his Majesty's *Pleasure* first, Whether he will *Spare* that *Little*---- *Because* the same Honourable Person has frequently Declared, that *None* at all is to be *Spared*.--

--And as to the *Navigation* of the River *Thames*, we were told, when we first Laid *Our Scheme* before the House in 1720-21. by some of the most Eminent Citizens, that they would not suffer the *Diminution* of *One Pailfull* of Water from the *Thames* (already *too shallow*) if they could help it. And why the Projector should Expect the City of *London*, and other Trading Towns Situate upon the *Thames*, who then *Petitioned* against US, (before we had found an ample *Equivalent* for the Water that is diverted,) should *now allow* of this Design, which takes *no Care* of making any *Amends* at all, is not easy to be accounted for.

As to any *Superior Merit*, I think it will be still harder to assign any Reason for that: He himself fixes it in his being the *Original Inventor*, and Our being but *Imitators*; and in his *Level* being *Better* than Ours: But when these Facts are truly known, they will be found to have no *Foundation*, or indeed to be *absolutely false*.

As to the *Former*: The *True State* of the Case is this.---- That in the Year 1641, one *Edward Ford* of *Suffex*, Esq; laid before the House a Scheme, for bringing Water from near *Rickmansworth* to *St. Giles's* in the *Fields*, from the several Rivers of the *Colne*, *Gade*, *Bulbone* and *Chesham*, and the River *Lea*; And the Projector for bringing Water now from the *Gulchwell Springs* in the Year 1719-20. (having probably met with that Scheme, and Arguments then Printed *Pro* and *Con*) laid the very same Scheme, of bringing Water from the very same Rivers, the *Colne*, the *Gade*, the *Chesham* and *Lea*, to *Marybone Fields*. But what sort of an Invention this is, or what Merit is due to it, We must leave for Others to Determine, --- 'tis certain this Projector has no other Foundation for calling himself an *Inventor*.

----Indeed both those Projects met with the same Want of Success for the very same Reason, --- That each of them would have hurt a very great Number of *Mills* that were situate upon those Streams.

In the Year 1720-21, the *Present Adventurers* laid a Scheme before the House, for the bringing Water from *One single Branch* of *One* of those Rivers called the *Cowley Stream*; wherein they had then taken Care, *Not only Not to hurt*, but to *Improve* all the *Mills* situate both upon it, and below it, as well as the Water at *Hampton Court*: And this we thought to be a Design as *Entirely Different* from the former *Wild Scheme*, as a very *Beneficial One* is from a very *Detrimental One*.

---And 'tis to be observed (*so far are we from being Imitators*) that *this Scheme* of bringing Water from the *Cowley Stream*, was laid before the Parliament before the Name of *Gulchwell Springs* was ever heard of, either *there*, or by *Us*.

AND as to the *Second*, That his Level is *better than Ours*; I ask Pardon for using an Old *English Proverb*, that *ENOUGH is as good as a Feast*: And without entering into a Long Demonstration, that we have *Level enough*, I shall use one Argument, that I think will *Demonstrate*, that this Projector himself (tho' he *confidently Asserts* the contrary) does himself *actually and really* know, that we have *much more than enough*; For as we *Now Propose*, to have Liberty to take it even from *Denham Point*, a Mile and an Half *above Uxbridge*: It is most certainly true, That when *We proposed* to take it in the Year 1720-21. from *below the Second Mill below Uxbridge*, *this very Man* did then apply himself to be admitted amongst *Us*, which cannot be supposed he would have done, had he conceived our then *Level* was not *High enough*; --- and *We* are so far from apprehending we have not *Level enough*, that tho' *We hope* to have Liberty to take it from *any Part* of the *Cowley-Stream*, that shall be found *most Convenient*: Yet *We believe* that we shall find the *Level* intended to make Use of in the Year 1720-21. (which was from *below Uxbridge*) to be *very sufficient*, and such perhaps as we shall at last choose to make Use of, so that I hope I have fairly proved that the two Points, upon which the Projector founds his Pretensions to Merit, have no Foundation in Truth at all.

--- And *this* brings me to explain to you the several *Falsities and Absurdities* that were told the Committee, and given out in Print last Sessions, at the Door of the House.

THE Projector of the *Gulchwell Scheme* in the First of his Papers delivered out *there*, set a Value upon it, that the *Gulchwell Springs* were his *own Property*, and with a *Quaker* to Second him, he had the Assurance to tell the whole Committee the same, to Sir George Cook's Teeth, altho' in Reality they are Sir George's Property, and rise upon His Estate; --- Again he asserted to the Committee, that he had markt out the *Traverse of his Canal*, either upon or *very near* the Ground, in which it should run, --- *whereas in Fact* (tho' 'tis true that *His and every Bodies Traverse* must for the most part come near the *Traverse* he has markt out, because there is *no other Way* to bring the Water, but by the *sides of the Hills*) yet *His Traverse* is so far from being *exact*, that it has most gross Errors in it, for (besides other mistakes) in One Place it marks out the Water running half a Mile up Hill, and in another it marks out a *Useless, impracticable Canal*, for above *Four Miles* together. --- And as to his Quantity of Water, tho' he owns himself to have *strongly prevaricated* with the Committee, "Keeping Under the Truth, as to the *Level and Quantity of Water*, and "Exceeding the Truth, as to the *Charges*, (I use his own Words) even in that he is false. --- Being in Reality above a *Fourth part above* the Truth, instead of under it; for he told the Committee, That the *Gulchwell Springs* produce 1000 *Ton per Hour*; whereas I have accurately Tried the Quantity of Water these Springs produce, very lately, and find them to be under 750 *Ton per Hour*; --- In another Paper with the same strange Confidence, He affirms, that we intended (tho' we concealed it) either to carry Water up from *Denham Moor* over a high Hill, called *Uxbridge-Common*, or to carry it for many miles under Ground, through Chalt; THINGS so far from being ever thought of by *Us*, that I believe such *Gross Absurdities* never yet entred into any Man's Head but his own:

So that *All* the Preference that He gives himself, are founded only upon *false Assertions or Inventions of his own*, and --- as to his being the *original Inventor*, Mr. Ford's Scheme, in 1641 and His Act of P---t put into the House in the Year, 1719-20. compared together plainly shew what *No merit* He has upon *This Head*; and as to our *Level* not being sufficient, his frequent Applications to be admitted into our Scheme, (tho' he has as often flown back again,) shew that he knows our *Level* to be *full high enough* --- and His asserting the contrary may be reckoned of a Piece with the Rest of his *ingenuous Behaviour* above set forth.

I am Sir,

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant,

J. T. D-----rs.

The Committee to setts *Morrow-Morning*.